Maintenance of Roads in Bangalore City.

*Q.—80. Sri V. P. DEENADAYALU NAIDU (Cubbonpet).—

Will the Government be pleased to state : –

(*a*) the total amount spent by (i) the Corporation, (ii) P.W.D., (iii) the Military, and (iv) the City Improvement Trust Board towards the improvement and repairs to the roads in the City of Bangalore during the last three years;

(*b*) whether any grants have been given by Government to the Corporation for the maintenance or upgrading of the roads;

(*c*) whether they propose to create a Road Fund for the maintenance of the roads in the City of Bangalore ;

(*d*) the length of the road handed over to the Corporation for maintenance and the length of road Government proposes to maintain through the P.W.D. ?

A.—Sri T. SUBRAMANYA (Minister for Law, Labour and Local Self-Government).—

(*a*) (i) By Bangalore Corporation—Rs. 30,21,436.

The amount spent by the Corporation includes the cost for maintenance of Military roads towards which the Military authorities are contributing the actual expenditure or Rs. 25,000 whichever is less.

(ii) by the P.W.D.—Rs. 1,69,014.

(iii) by the Military—*Vide* reply to item (i) above.

(iv) by the City Improvement Trust Board—Rs. 26,950.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) The question of handing over any extent of road length to the Corporation does not arise as all, the roads within its area are under the control of the Bangalore Corporation except a few roads in the new layouts formed by the City Improvement Trust Board, Bangalore, which will also be handed over to the Bangalore Corporation soon after the layouts are completed under the provisions of City of Bangalore Improvement Act. A length of 5 miles 3 furlongs of roads is maintained by the P.W.D. in the City of Bangalore. The question of handing over certain roads which are part of National Highways for maintenance by the P.W.D. is under consideration.

Sri V. P. DEENADAYALU NAIDU.—Is not the deplorable condition of the roads in Bangalore due to want of assistance from the Government ?

†Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.–Not so much due to that. It is mostly due to very heavy military traffic in the city now.

Sri V. P. DEENADAYALU NAIDU.–What is the assistance that the Government is giving to maintain the roads in a good condition ?

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—Government's assistance is that some amount is given as a special grant every year. Last year we have given Rs. 50,000.

Sri V. P. DEENADAYALU NAIDU.–Are the Government aware that the quantum of cost that the military should contribute to the Corporation was fixed 25 years ago and it has never been reviewed ?

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—It is true. We tried to review it last year when the Defence Minister of the Government of India was here but we have not so far been successful.

Sri V. P. DEENADAYALU NAIDU.–With regard to the roads in the new lay-outs of the Trust Board to be handed over to the Corporation, may I know the funds out of which they should be maintained ?

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—Out of the funds of the Corporation. They fix tax on the building and collect it and they have to maintain the roads. That is one of the obligatory duties of the Corporation.

Sri V. P. DEENADAYALU NAIDU.—Has it not come to the notice of the Government that taxes in some of the new lay-outs have been collected not by the Corporation ?

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—Not after being handed over to the Corporation.

Sri F. W. CORBETT.—When the amount spent by the Corporation is

Rs. 30 lakhs and the contribution bythe Military authorities is only Rs. 25,000, will the Government consider the question of getting something more from the military authorities as their traffic has been very heavy on these roads?

Mr. SPEAKER.—That question has been replied to just now.

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—All the 30 lakhs are not spent upon military roads. Military roads run to the extent of 19 miles and for these 19 miles they have given Rs. 25,000. According to the present cost worked out, we feel it is too low and we want to have it increased.

Sri F. W. CORBETT.—Apart from the military, roads is there no military traffic on other roads?

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—There is.

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—Will the Government consider the advisability of maintaining all National High Ways and State Fund roads that pass through Bangalore City and Mysore City?

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—The matter is under consideration of Government. A conference of officers and certain Ministers was held. Tentative conclusions have been arrived at. Final orders have not been passed in the matter. The point for consideration was taking over all National Highways going from Bangalore to other places by the P.W.D. Shortly we will be able to pass final orders.

Sri V. P. DEENADAYALU NAIDU.—Greatest damage that is caused to the road is due to heavy traffic of heavy military vehicles. Will the Government think of the feasibility of restricting the heavy traffic of the military to certain roads?

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—The matter deserves examination.

Vehicles involved in Accidents on B. H. Road between Tiptur and Bangalore.

*Q.—122. Sri G. N. PUTTANNA (Tumkur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the total number of Government buses, other vehicles and private cars that were involved in accidents due to the excess speed and use of dazzling lights by lorries since 1st January 1956 on the highway between Tiptur and Bangalore on the B.H. Road;

(*b*) the total loss to Government by such accidents;

(*c*) the number of persons and animals injured thereby;

(*d*) whether they have fixed the speed limit of the lorries and could enforce the same effectively on that road?

*A.—Sri B. D. JATTI (Chief Minister).—

(*a*) 87.

(*b*) About Rs. 4,101.

(*c*) The total number of persons injured including deaths is 111. The number of animals injured including deaths is 30.

(*d*) In all important places, speed limit boards have been fixed and the speed limits fixed in the Indian Motor Vehicles Act, 1939 are being enforced.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ಎನ್. ಪುಟ್ಟಣ್ಣ.—ಉತ್ತರದಲ್ಲಿ 87 ಅಕ್ಸಿಡೆಂಟುಗಳು ಆಗಿವೆ ಎಂದು ತಿಳಿಸಿದ್ದೀರಿ. ಇದರೊಳಗೆ ಸರಕಾರದ ಬಸ್ಸುಗಳು, ಎಷ್ಟು ಸರಕಾರಿ ಲಾರಿಗಳು ಎಷ್ಟು ಮತ್ತು ಇನ್ನಿತರ ವಾಹನಗಳೆಷ್ಟು ಎನ್ನುವುದರ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಕೊಡಲು ಸಾಧ್ಯವೇ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಡಿ. ಜತ್ತಿ.—ಸರಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಸೇರಿದ ವಾಹನಗಳು ಮೂರು.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ಎನ್. ಪುಟ್ಟಣ್ಣ.—ಎತ್ತಿನಗಾಡಿಗಳು ಎಷ್ಟು?

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಡಿ. ಜತ್ತಿ.—ಎತ್ತಿನಗಾಡಿಗಳು ಒಂದೂ ಕೂಡ ಇಲ್ಲವೆಂದು ತೋರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ಎನ್. ಪುಟ್ಟಣ್ಣ.—ಸುಮಾರು ಇಪ್ಪತ್ತು-ಮೂವತ್ತು ಎತ್ತಿನಗಾಡಿಗಳು ಲಾರಿಗಳು ಅನಾಹುತದಿಂದ ಎತ್ತಿನ ಸಮೇತ ಅಪಘಾತಕ್ಕೆ ಈಡಾಗಿರುವುದು ಸರಕಾರದ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿದೆಯೇ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಡಿ. ಜತ್ತಿ.—ತಾವು ಕೊಡುವ ಇನ್‌ಫರ್‌ಮೇಷನ್ನು ಸರಿಯಾಗಿರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ಎನ್. ಪುಟ್ಟಣ್ಣ.—ಈ ವಿಚಾರವಾಗಿ ತಮಗೂ ಕೂಡ ಕಾಗದ ಬರೆದಿದ್ದೆ. ಅದು ತಮಗೆ ತಲಪಲಿಲ್ಲವೇ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಡಿ. ಜತ್ತಿ.—ಕಾಗದ ಬಂದಿದೆ!

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ಎನ್. ಪುಟ್ಟಣ್ಣ.—ನಾನು ಆ ಕಾಗದದಲ್ಲಿ ಪೋಲೀಸರು ಮಾಮೂಲು ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತಿರುವುದರಿಂದ ಇಷ್ಟು ಅನಾಹುತಗಳಿಗೆ ಕಾರಣವಾಗಿದೆ ಎಂದು ಬರೆದಿರುವುದು ತಮಗೆ ಗೊತ್ತಿದೆಯೇ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಡಿ. ಜತ್ತಿ.—ಅದು ಸರಿಯಲ್ಲ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ಎನ್. ಪುಟ್ಟಣ್ಣ.—ಇಷ್ಟು ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಅನಾಹುತಗಳಾಗುತ್ತಿರುವುದರಿಂದ ರೈತನ ಮನೆ ಹಾಳಾಗುತ್ತದೆ ಎನ್ನುವುದು ಸರಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಗೊತ್ತಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲವೇ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಡಿ. ಜತ್ತಿ.—ಹಾಗೆ ಹೇಳುವುದು ಸರಿಯಲ್ಲ. ಇದರಿಂದ ರೈತನ ಮನೆ ಹೇಗೆ ಹಾಳಾಗುತ್ತದೆ?